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1st Vice Chairwoman • 12th District Milwaukee County Supervisor

Dear Neighbors,

I hope you are in the best of health and spirits as we approach the holiday season. This newsletter is intended to keep you informed about pertinent County news and information that you can use every day. As always, if you have questions regarding Milwaukee County, its services or our budget, please feel free to contact my office directly (414) 278-4269.

As a member of the Finance, Personnel & Audit committee, I am busy reviewing County Executive Abele's 2016 proposed County Budget. Please let me know what your priorities are regarding Milwaukee County by completing and returning the enclosed budget survey. I will also hold informal listening sessions on October 19 & 26, as well as a County Board budget public hearing on November 2.

It is an honor to serve as your voice on the County Board of Supervisors. Together, we can work hard to improve the 12th District and keep it a great place to live, work and play in Milwaukee County.

Yours Truly,



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Committee

Intergovernmental Relations
Committee

Thank You!

During the past year, I lost both my mother and my father.

I just want to express my gratitude to my wonderful support network of friends, family and constituents for their kind words, thoughts and prayers. Thank you for your love and support!

2016 Milwaukee County Budget

Milwaukee County Executive Chris Abele released his recommended 2016 County Budget on October 1. The Finance, Personnel and Audit Committee will hold hearings throughout October to review and vote on recommended budget allocations for organizational units and capital projects. Tough decisions are in store as the Finance, Personnel and Audit Committee, as well as the rest of the County Board, works to develop and approve next year's budget.

The Budget is scheduled to be adopted on Monday, November 9. Potential vetoes will be considered on Wednesday, November 18. Your voices are important during the budget process. I am proud to announce that this year's County Board Public Budget Hearing will be held in the 12th District. Please attend and let your voice be heard!

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2 at 6:30 p.m.

Mitchell Park Domes – 524 S. Layton Blvd.

www.county.milwaukee.gov/RomoWest

Brides Walk



Sup. Romo West at this year's Brides Walk

The annual UAMOS Latina Resource Center Brides Walk was held on September 12 in conjunction with the UAMOS Mexican Independence Day parade.

Supervisor Romo West cruised the 3k parade route along with dedicated community members, bringing awareness to domestic violence and its effects on the community. The Walk honors victims and survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and dating violence. Walkers raise awareness about domestic violence that occurs in the most intimate relationships.

The UAMOS Latina Resource Center provides comprehensive, culturally and linguistically supportive services and advocacy to adults, youth and children impacted by domestic violence. If you or somebody you know is a victim of domestic violence, please call the Latina Resource Center at (414) 389-6508 for assistance.

Transit System Updates

MCTS GO Pass

The Milwaukee County Transit System began issuing "Growing Opportunities," or "GO Passes" on March 31, allowing seniors and persons with disabilities to ride the bus for free. Thousands of people have already received GO Passes. Eligible District 12 residents received an informational flyer and survey about the program earlier this summer.

MCTS will process applications for GO Passes at the MCTS Administration Building, 1942 N. 17th Street, Milwaukee, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m., Monday through Friday. The no-cost pass can be used immediately. Applications can be printed out and downloaded at RideMCTS.com. Contact MCTS at (414) 343-1700 or visit ridemcts.com for more information.

MCTS M-Card

The Milwaukee County Transit System has introduced the M-Card, a new

fast and easy way to pay for transit fares. The M-Card is a stored value smartcard, which allows bus users to purchase seven or 31 day passes or purchase a stored value card that riders can use to pay for rides throughout the system. With an M-Card, you never have to worry about exact change. Plus, you save 50-cents on each fare and you receive a 90-minute transfer when you use your M-Card. You can purchase a card and add value at more than 90 locations in Milwaukee County. Visit ridemcts.com for more details.

New Routes. New Moves.

MCTS has introduced three new extended bus routes, which connect residents to jobs in Waukesha and Washington Counties. Routes 6, 61 and 279 deliver job seekers to industrial parks in New Berlin, Germantown and Menomonee Falls. Popular local routes, such as the 23, 53 and 56, connect riders to these popular new routes. Visit ridemcts.com or call our office at (414) 278-4269 for a map!

Southside National Night Out

The 10th Annual Southside National Night Out celebration took place on August 4. The event featured displays from the Milwaukee Police Department, Milwaukee Fire Department, the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Department and also showcased a variety of community organizations.

Attendees enjoyed hot dogs, chips and water. Entertainment was provided by DJ Monk and Carlos Adames. Dignitaries, including Aldermen Jose Perez and Bob Donovan, Mayor Tom Barrett, and Representative Gwen Moore, attended the Opening Ceremonies. Thanks again to our generous sponsors!



Milwaukee County S.E.E.D. Program

Earlier this year, Supervisor Romo West was proud to support a resolution creating the S.E.E.D. or Sowing, Empowering, and Eliminating Deserts of Food, program.

Through the S.E.E.D. program, Milwaukee County will partner with the Hunger Task Force, Growing Power, and UW-Extension. Hunger Task Force will operate a Mobile Market within the county to serve residents who live in food deserts, coordinating with

the existing Stockbox delivery program to our seniors. This Mobile Market will provide opportunities for residents to purchase nutritious food in neighborhoods while accepting food benefits.

Milwaukee County faces health disparities, and the elimination of 'food deserts' will be a key to helping provide food security to those who do not have access to healthy food."

MILWAUKEE COUNTY ■ 12TH DISTRICT BUDGET SURVEY



Dear Neighbors,

The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors has begun the task of adopting the 2016 Milwaukee County Budget. There are many decisions being made that may affect the services that you value and rely on. Please take a moment to complete this survey. Your input is valued and important in this decision making process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in green ink that reads "Peggy A. Romo West".

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FOLD ALONG THIS LINE

YOUR OPINION COUNTS! Please respond to this survey by Monday, November 2, 2015.

1. Do you support a living wage?

- Yes, I support an increase in the minimum wage to \$____ per hour.
 No I need more information.

2. Do you support the privatization of the County's Behavioral Health Division?

- Yes No I need more information.

3. Do you support the County Executive's takeover of public education in some MPS schools?

- Yes No I need more information.

4. Are you aware that the takeover has already happened?

- Yes No

5. Do you support privatization of the Milwaukee County Transit System?

- Yes No I need more information

6. Do you believe hiring part time bus drivers is in the best interest of the Transit System?

- Yes No I need more information.

7. Do you believe the Sheriff's Department provides a valuable service and should be fully funded?

- Yes No I need more information

8. Do you support the County's sale of the Park East land for \$1 to the Milwaukee Bucks?

- Yes No I need more information.

9. Would you support a community investment in the area pertaining to local hiring?

- Yes No I need more information.

10. Would you support a regional sales tax to fund cultural amenities in Southeastern Wisconsin?

- Yes No

Upcoming Changes to the Milwaukee County Board

Beginning in April 2016, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors will revert to part-time status and will cut the pay of supervisors by 50% to about \$24,000 per year. Act 14, which was supported by the Wisconsin State Legislature and approved by County voters in a 2014 referendum, also reduced the Board's authority of approving contracts and labor negotiations. This legislation will also reduce the Board's budget and staff following the April election.

The 2015-17 Wisconsin State Budget, which was signed by Governor Walker on July 12, further reduced the oversight powers of the County Board and granted more power to the County Executive. State budget provisions stripped the Board's oversight of non-park land sales, requiring only the approval of two of the County Executive, County Comptroller and an individual well-versed in real estate transactions from the affected community. This change has already made an immediate impact. Several blocks of the vacant, county-owned Park East were sold by the County, without County Board input, to Milwaukee Bucks ownership for construction of a new arena and ancillary development.

I believe these changes will have a negative effect on the County Board's ability to adequately represent constituents and provide timely responses to citizen needs. Despite these challenges, I will continue to work on your behalf to improve Milwaukee County.

In the Community With Supervisor Peggy Romo West





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Changes to Family Care



Earlier this year, Milwaukee County Family Care celebrated its 15th Anniversary by rebranding itself as My Choice Family Care. The 2015-17 Wisconsin state budget directed the state Department of Health Services to make a number of changes to Family Care and IRIS Programs.

Though the original budget proposal threatened to slash these programs, the final version signed by Governor Walker in July preserved both. Gov. Walker used his veto power to put limits on enrollment periods for the programs. These reforms open the door to a possible future overhaul of the program, including the establishment of a single, statewide program. This may make it more likely that national, for-profit corporations will participate in the program. Stay tuned.

Supervisor Romo West invites you to enjoy FREE Milwaukee County attractions!

 <p>MITCHELL PARK DOMES 524 S. Layton Blvd., Milwaukee (414) 257-5611 www.milwaueedomes.org</p> <p>Free on Mondays from 9:00 a.m. to Noon for Milwaukee County residents. Excludes major holidays.</p>	 <p>Milwaukee County ZOO 10001 W. Bluemound Rd., Milwaukee (414) 256-5412 www.milwaueezoo.org</p> <p>2015 Free Days: 11/7, 12/5, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day & New Year's Day.</p>	 <p>mpm MILWAUKEE PUBLIC MUSEUM 800 W. Wells St., Milwaukee (414) 278-2728 • www.mpm.edu</p> <p>Kohl's Thank You Thursdays: Free to all the first Thursday of every month. County residents get \$2 off every day. Remaining 2015 Free Dates: 11/5, 12/3.</p>	 <p>MILWAUKEE ART MUSEUM 700 N. Art Museum Dr., Milwaukee (414) 224-3200 • www.mam.org</p> <p>Target Free First Thursday: Free the first Thursday of every month for all visitors.</p>
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IMPORTANT COUNTY NUMBERS

Supervisor Peggy A. Romo West.....278-4269	Dept. on Aging 289-6874	Milwaukee County Sheriff 278-4766
County Board of Supervisors 278-4222	Dept. of Health & Human Services 289-6817	Milwaukee County Transit System..... 344-6711
County Executive 278-4211	Disabilities Services Division..... 289-6660	Milwaukee County Zoo..... 771-3040
Behavioral Health Division 257-6995	District Attorney 278-4653	Milwaukee Public Museum 278-2700
Boerner Botanical Gardens 525-5600	Economic & Community Development..... 278-4905	Mitchell International Airport 747-5300
Child Support Enforcement 278-5160	Economic Support Division..... 289-6000	Mitchell Park Domes..... 257-5611
Clerk of Circuit Court 278-5362	Election Commission..... 278-4060	Office of Persons & Disabilities 278-3932
Courts	House of Correction 427-4700	TTY 278-3937
Criminal Court..... 278-4538	Humphrey IMAX Dome Theater 278-2728	Register in Probate 278-4444
Civil Court..... 278-4120	Marcus Center for the Performing Arts..... 273-7206	Register of Deeds 278-4011
Children's Court 257-7700	Medical Examiner 223-1200	Timmerman Airport..... 461-3222
Small Claims Court 278-4140	Mental Health Complex..... 257-6995	Veterans Services 278-4054
County Clerk 278-4067	Milwaukee Art Museum 224-3200	War Memorial Center 273-5533
County Treasurer..... 278-4033	Milwaukee County Historical Society..... 273-8288	Wehr Nature Center 425-8550
Dept. of Audit Fraud Hotline.....93-FRAUD	Milwaukee County Parks..... 257-PARK	